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ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE ASSEMBLING OF TREATED
SEMICONDUCTOR WAFERS
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant appreciates the Notice of Allowability dated October 27, 2011 ("the Notice").

In the Notice, the Examiner offered a summary explanation of the reasons for allowance of claims 1-9 and 21-22. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e) and MPEP § 1302.14, Applicant makes the following comments in response thereto.

The Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance on pages 4-5 of the Notice of Allowability presented with the Notice of Allowance. Applicant agrees that the cited documents fail to teach or suggest -- alone or in combination -- each and every element of the claimed systems and methods. In addition, Applicant agrees that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the features listed on pages 4-5 of the Notice of Allowability, but respectfully submits that there are other elements of the allowed claims that are also not taught or suggested by the prior art. Further, Applicant respectfully notes the Examiner's statement that semiconductor wafers are "slabs of single-crystal semiconductor materials" reflects the

Examiner's understanding of the broadest reasonable interpretation of that term. Applicant does not intend for this interpretation to have a limiting effect on future proceedings involving the patent.

It is believed that no fees are due. However, the Director is hereby authorized to treat any current or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. Applicant also authorizes the Director to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or all required extension of time fees, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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